GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a): whether a sum of about Rs.600 crore were announced by the Prime Minister as quake relief to Jammu and Kashmir;

(b): if so, the whether the amount has been released;

(c): if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken in this regard; and

(d): the time by which it is likely to be released?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (d): The Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 8th October, 2005 had announced an immediate release of Rs. 100.00 crore to the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir in the wake of the earthquake of 8th October, 2005. Further, the Hon`ble Prime Minister during his visit to the State of J&K had announced a package of Rs.500 crore for the earthquake affected areas. Against these announcements of Rs.600 crore, an amount of Rs.300.28 crore had been released by the Government of India on an `on account` basis from the NCCF to the Government of J&K to enable the State Government to undertake immediate rescue and relief operations in the earthquake affected areas.

In addition to the above, the Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 30th March 2006 have approved an amount of Rs.242.95 crore towards expenditure for providing relief items and for the provision of shelter materials as well as for construction of intermediate/temporary shelters in the earthquake affected areas in the State.

Further, the State Government has projected a tentative requirement of Rs.717.42 crore for long term rehabilitation/reconstruction of damaged infrastructure in the earthquake affected areas. This proposal is being considered by the Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) set up under the Chairmanship of Vice-Chairperson, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). The State Government is now required to submit detailed sector-wise Plan proposals to the Government of India in this regard.